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Reply to Restriction/Election of Species Requirement

In reply to the Office Action dated **January 12, 2009** (the "instant Action"), requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-captioned patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of <u>Group I</u>, represented by <u>Claims 1-12</u>. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

The Examiner indicated that Applicant must elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In reply, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the <u>compound</u> of Example 11, *i.e.*, (Aib^{8,35,37}, Gaba³⁸)hGLP-1(7-38)NH₂; (SEQ ID NO:4).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Applicant's remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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